

Wellington (Salop) Union

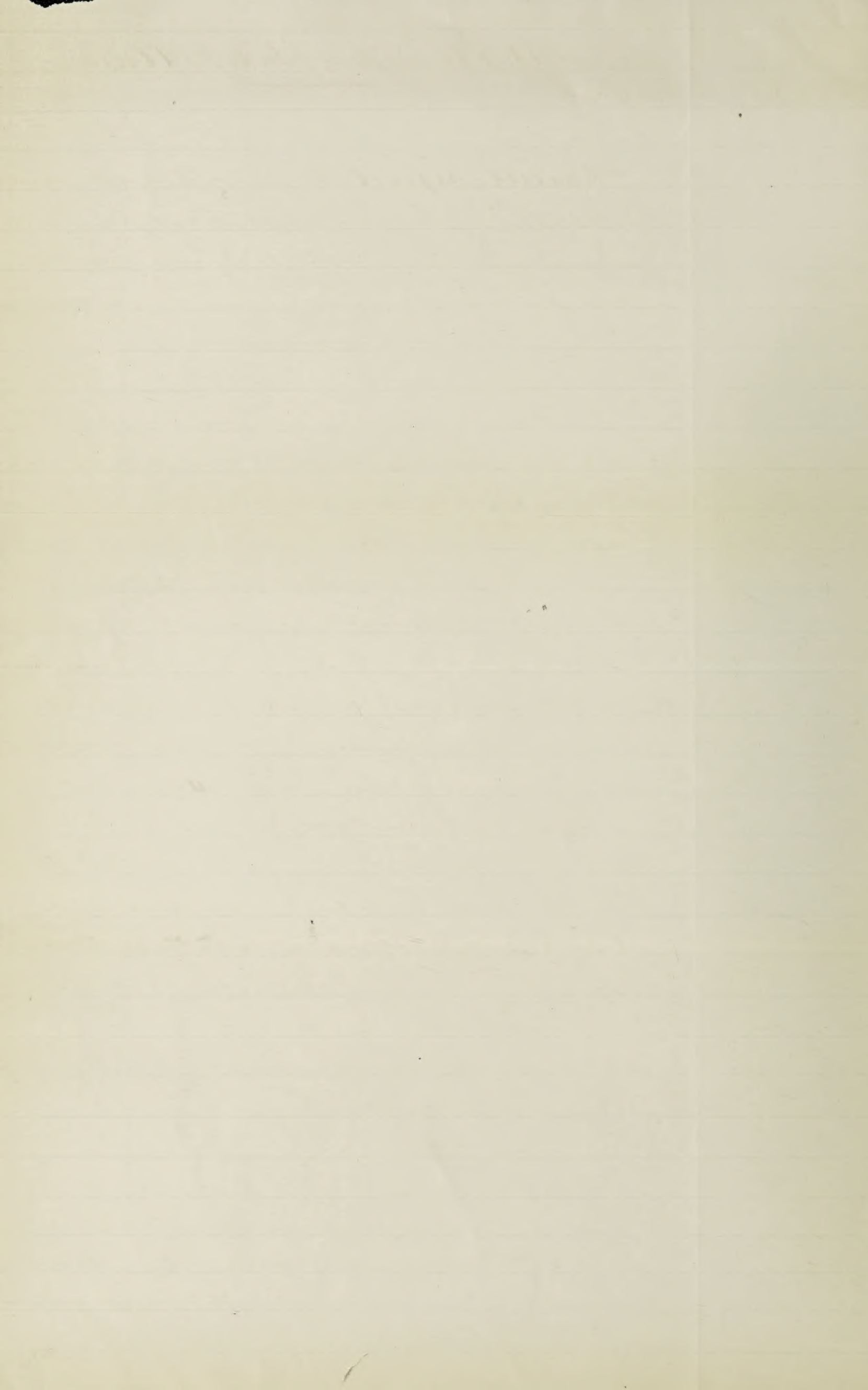
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Annual Report by the Medical Officer
of Health to the Rural Sanitary Authority
of the Wellington (Salop) Union for the
year ended the 31st December 1894.

As required by the General Order of the
Local Government Board and in accordance
with the instructions contained in such order
I have prepared my Annual Report bearing
upon the Sanitary condition in general of
the District subject to the control of the
Rural Sanitary Authority of the Wellington
(Salop) Union, and I have now the honor
to submit the same for your perusal
and consideration of the subjects
therein referred to.

The necessary details for the compilation
of the Statistics relating to the sickness and
mortality among the population within the
District referred to have been completed,
and the results are shown in the following
Statements.

With reference to the mortality in the
District during the past year the total
number of Deaths which have occurred during
that period from all causes is 308 as compared
with the total number of 282 which took



place during the preceding year, thus shewing an increase of 26 in the number of such deaths.

The following Table shews the total number of Deaths which have occurred in the three Sub-Registration Divisions of the District at all ages during the past year viz:-

Wellington (portion of District)	115
Wombidge	141
Erroll Magna	52
Total	<u>308</u>

The above total of 308 deaths calculated upon the population of the District - (18246) shews the mortality to be at the rate of 6.9 per 1000 during the period referred to, and may be regarded as satisfactorily low.

I have made a classification of the various diseases to which the Deaths during the year may be ascribed, and are shewn in the following Statement:-

Scarlatina	6
Diphtheria	15
Membranous Croup	11
Typhus	2
Erysipelas	1
Measles	12
Whooping Cough	4

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Diarrhoea & Dysentery	12
Phthisis	7
Bronchitis, Pneumonia & pleurisy	52
Heart Disease	23
Injuries	4
All other diseases	159
Total	308

The number of cases of Infectious Disease and the number of Deaths which have occurred therefrom are set forth in the subjoined Table

Number of Cases	Small Pox	Scarlet- Fever	Diphtheria	Croup	Enteric Typhoid Fever	Puerperal Fever	Erysipelas
persons attacked	2	175	125	14	5	—	17
persons died	—	6	15	11	1	—	1

During the past year I have received 338 Notices in pursuance of the provisions of "The Infectious Diseases Notification Act" this is an increase of 203 over last year.

Two cases of Small Pox occurred during the past year in the District and although they were separate families and resident some three miles apart both cases were traced as imported from Willenhall. It is satisfactory to know that the means taken

viz: - by re-vaccination of the inmates of each family, isolation of the patients and through disinfection, were successful in preventing its spread.

As I have specially reported the Hadley and Kymerley Schools were closed in consequence of an epidemic of Diphtheria which I regret to say proved fatal as stated above in 15 cases.

The Medical Officer of Health for the County Council has been requested to make in conjunction with myself a special investigation with a view to discover the origin of the disease.

The Infant Department of the Ketley Bank Board School was closed during the year in consequence of an epidemic of Measles.

It will be seen from the foregoing returns that Scarlatina assumed an epidemic form but was as appears from the return of a mild form as out of 175 cases 6 only proved fatal.

Sewerage & Drainage.


I am sorry to say that the Sewerage Works at Watling Street in the Urban District which were intended by that Authority to prevent the pollution of Haybridge Brook has been for some time past and still

is for some reason almost at a stand still. An effort should be made without delay to complete the works if by such means the pollution of the Brook will be assured.

I am sorry to say that the original complaint and the still grave nuisance and serious pollution of the Eytou Brook continues unabated. This matter should receive the earnest attention of this Authority and the coming year should not be allowed to pass without some preventative measures being taken to abate this long continued & dangerous nuisance.

I expressed in my last report that I was glad to observe a scheme for the Drainage of St Georges and Wrockwardine Hood had been adopted. I am sorry for many reasons that the scheme as proposed was not approved by the Local Government Board, it would have met the present requirements of the District for some time to come, and could have been extended at any time if required.

No doubt the larger scheme is preferable but I fear the expense of carrying it on has been, and will be, a reason for its postponement for as long a period as possible. I hope however that this most important matter will be taken up without delay and carried out to a successful issue.



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Water Supply.

I very much regret that I am not in a position to report any improvement in the General Water Supply to the District, and that those places so sadly in need of this absolute necessity, will be for some time to come still unsupplied. The delay in carrying out any scheme of Water supply I presume must be put down to the introduction of the recent Local Government Act, and to the creation thereof of new bodies with various duties and increased powers in Sanitary and other matters.

General

Several nuisances arising principally from defective closet accommodation have been inspected and reported to you from time to time and the remedial measures recommended have in most of the cases been carried out.

In some of the cases mentioned in the foregoing paragraph the closets were in close proximity to the water supply which rendered prompt measures necessary to remove the two fold danger.

Several applications for Certificates for the occupation of newly erected Dwelling Houses were granted upon the report of the Inspector.

of Nuisances that a proper supply of
water was available.

Annexed to this report I beg to furnish
Tabular Statements of Sickness and
Mortality in the District during the
year, classified according to ages, diseases,
and localities

I beg to remain
Gentlemen

Your obedient servant
W. J. Hawthorn

Medical Officer of Health

Wellington, Salop.

25th February 1895.

